



Friday 15 November 2024

Sacred Heart
PARISH SCHOOL

Sacred Heart School - Fees for 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please find attached the school fees for 2025. Each year, the school thoroughly reviews expenditure to ensure accountable stewardship of resources. In 2025, in line with Brisbane Catholic Education's recommendations, there has been a slight increase in the Tuition Fee (2%) and Student Levy (1-2%). There has been no increase to the Capital Levy, IT Levy and P&F Levy.

There was a change to the recommended discounts for school tuition fees and capital levies implemented from the 2023 budget to align with other Catholic system authorities.

- First child tuition fees:
 - Fee increase in line with the recommended range.
- Sibling tuition fees:
 - Second child – charge 60% of first child tuition fee rate
 - Third child – charge 40% of first child tuition fee rate
 - Fourth child – charge 20% of first child tuition fee rate
 - Additional children – no charge for tuition fees.

During Term 3, a focus for Sacred Heart was the preparation of the 2025 school budget. This work aimed to ensure we can continue to provide the best education for your child and protect the financial sustainability of the school.

The setting of school fees is the responsibility of the Principal, guided by the recommendations and principles set by Brisbane Catholic Education. The *Sacred Heart Pastoral School Board* collaborates on and supports any alterations to school fees. The *Sacred Heart Pastoral School Board* and *Parish Finance Council* have endorsed the 2025 School Fees.

The fees and levies collected at Sacred Heart School are used for the following purposes, which are aligned to the school's vision and mission:

- Provide teaching, administrative, classroom support and facilities.
- Provide essential resources, materials, facilities and equipment.
- Assist with providing activities such as excursions and incursions.
- Support the Sacred Heart School Building Program.
- Maintain buildings, grounds and other facilities.

I appreciate that an increase in fees can be difficult for some families in our community. If you have any concerns about the 2025 school fees, please contact the school to discuss your family's circumstances. We continue our commitment to support those families experiencing short or long-term genuine inability to pay fees, ensuring that enrolment is not compromised. Please get in touch with the Finance Officer for further information concerning the concession application process or [download a form](#) from the Parent Portal.

The [BCE School Fees Policy](#) is available on the Parent Portal or by contacting the School Office.

iPad Devices at Sacred Heart School

Sacred Heart will continue to provide each student from Years 1 to 6 with an iPad. The iPad ratio in Prep will be 1 iPad per 2 students. The IT levy covers the associated costs such as the purchase of the device, cover, keyboard, maintenance, IT support, software, applications and insurance.

Our teachers at Sacred Heart carefully monitor the use of iPads, including how long the students access the device throughout the day. The iPad is a learning tool to assist learning and will be used when appropriate. Handwriting, bookwork and other forms of learning presentation will continue to form a holistic approach to student learning. It is not our expectation that students will be accessing iPads all day, every day.

Tuition Fee

The Tuition Fee ensures that the operational costs of the school are met. Siblings will pay a reduced percentage of the tuition as outlined above. This fee reduction applies to families with more than one child enrolled at Sacred Heart.

Student Levy

The Student Levy covers all stationery and textbooks for your child. There is no additional book list fee. The student levy allows our staff to plan for a range of activities, including class and year level excursions, inter-school sport and providing buses for a variety of events the students attend. The student levy is used to purchase resources that are used directly by the students in the classrooms, e.g. Mathematics, English, Science and Visual Arts resources and materials. The Student Levy for Years 5 & 6 includes school camp. The Student Levy in Year 6 includes a Senior Shirt.

Information Technology (IT) Levy

The Information Technology (IT) Levy will ensure our students are provided with the latest technology equipment, resources and support. The higher IT Levy in Years 1 to 6 covers the costs associated with each student being provided an iPad.

P&F Levy

The P&F will use the levy to directly support the students of Sacred Heart. The levy will also cover the cost of the annual registration costs associated with the peak body in Queensland of school P&F associations – [Catholic School Parents Queensland](#). The P&F Levy is family-based and is only applied to the eldest enrolled child.

Capital Levy

The Capital Levy will enable Sacred Heart School to continue growing and developing as a modern, contemporary school. This levy supports the maintenance of school facilities and repayments associated with new buildings and structures. The Capital Levy is family-based and is only applied to the eldest enrolled child.

Sacred Heart School Fees 2025 – Calculator

Brisbane Catholic Education has developed a calculator to help calculate your school fees. The excel document is found on the Parent Portal.

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2025 Annual School Fees and Levies



Year Level	Tuition Fee	Resource Levies		Family P&F Levy	Capital Levy	Total
		Student Levy	IT Levy			
Prep	\$1,260	\$1,020	\$150	\$40 per family	\$600 per family	\$3,070
Year 1	\$1,260	\$1,020	\$350			\$3,270
Year 2	\$1,260	\$1,020	\$350			\$3,270
Year 3	\$1,260	\$1,020	\$350			\$3,270
Year 4	\$1,260	\$1,020	\$350			\$3,270
Year 5	\$1,260	\$1,370	\$350			\$3,620
Year 6	\$1,260	\$1,420	\$350			\$3,670

*Sibling Charges

2nd child - 60% of the Tuition Fee

3rd child - 40% of the Tuition Fee

4th child - 20% of the Tuition Fee

Family Based Levies

Applied to Eldest Child in Family only

*% approx.

- Years 1 to 6 IT Levy included the costs associated with providing each student an iPad.
- Year 5 & 6 Student Levy includes the costs associated with their camp.
- Year 6 Student Levy includes the cost of the senior shirt.

Total Cost Per Child

The fees below are not in addition to above; simply a way to assist calculate your total annual school fees.

	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1	Prep
1st Child	\$3,670	\$3,620	\$3,270	\$3,270	\$3,270	\$3,270	\$3,070
2nd Child	\$2,526	\$2,476	\$2,126	\$2,126	\$2,126	\$2,126	\$1,926
3rd Child	\$2,274	\$2,224	\$1,874	\$1,874	\$1,874	\$1,874	\$1,674
4th Child	\$2,022	\$1,972	\$1,622	\$1,622	\$1,622	\$1,622	\$1,422

How to use the total cost per child table above.

Family Example 1	
Children in Years 5, 3 & 1	
1st child in Year 5	\$3,620
2nd child in Year 3	\$2,126
3rd child in Year 1	\$1,874
Total School Fees	\$7,620

Family Example 2	
Children in Years 3 & 1	
1st child in Year 3	\$3,270
2nd child in Year 1	\$2,126
Total School Fees	\$5,396

Family Example 3	
Children in Year 2 & Prep	
1st child in Year 2	\$3,270
2nd child in Prep	\$1,926
Total School Fees	\$5,196

Payment Options

Payment of fees will be due 14 days from the invoice date if paid by cash, cheque, BPAY or EFTPOS. Payments can also be made online via [Bpoint](#).

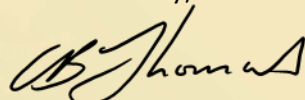
If payments are being made by [direct debit](#) or [Centrepay](#), fees may be paid on a weekly, fortnightly, monthly or quarterly basis. It is important that regular payments are made and missed payments corrected to prevent your account from falling into arrears. ***All accounts must be finalised by the end of Term 4.***

Families currently paying via direct debit will be contacted before the commencement of Term 1, via email, with a revised payment plan for 2025.

A discount on the **tuition fee** of 5% will apply if the total of 2025 fees and levies are paid in full, and the account balance is zero by Friday 21st February 2025.

If you have any inquiries, you can contact Timeka Muir on 32821976 or email pbovfinance@bne.catholic.edu.au.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Thomas
Principal